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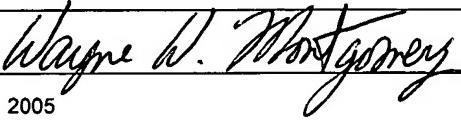
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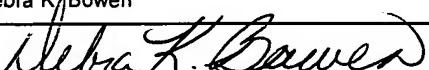
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RESPONSE

This response is filed in reply to an Office Action mailed January 26, 2005, for which a response was due on February 26, 2005. Enclosed under separate cover is a petition for a four-month extension. Applicants request reconsideration of the restriction requirement in view of the following Remarks.

REMARKS

The Examiner has requested that Applicants elect one of the following two groups pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-27, drawn to compounds, compositions and methods wherein R1, R1a, R2, R3, R4, R4a, and E does not contain a heterocyclic group, classified in class/subclass numerous depending on the elected species.